

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A structural coupling ~~device for device~~ coupling together structures ~~provided with~~ containing opposing, coupling leg formations provided at their end portions, said device comprising:

a wall strut constructed to define coupling slots adapted to accommodate the coupling leg formations;

a separate channel section containing leg portions which extend into said coupling slots for engagement with the coupling leg formations; and

a snap fitting element ~~adapted to engage~~ operatively and directly engaging said wall strut and said channel section, whereby the coupling leg formations are coupled together.

14. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 13, wherein said wall strut includes outer side walls and inner leg wall formations which define said coupling slots on opposite sides of said wall strut.

15. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 14, wherein said inner leg wall formations include locking ribs, said channel section includes a projecting locking formation, and said snap fitting element is adapted to engage said locking ribs with said projecting locking formation.

16. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 15, wherein said projecting locking formation is formed on an inside surface of a channel base member which connects said leg portions.

17. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 16, wherein said projecting locking formation includes an embossment which provides channel recesses in said channel base member.

18. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 16, wherein when said leg portions of said channel section extend into said coupling slots, said channel base member and the coupled structures lie in the same plane.

19. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 17, wherein said inner leg wall formations form locking flanges which terminate in said locking ribs, and said snap fitting element is provided with flexible barbs to provide snap fit engagement between said locking ribs and said channel recesses of said channel base member.

20. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 13, wherein the end portions of said leg formations include recesses for accommodating sealing gaskets.